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Tennessee State Library and Archives**

Ruth Baxter Cochran Scrapbook Collection, 1965-1993

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:

Cochran, Ruth Baxter

Inclusive Dates:

1965-1993

Scope & Content:

The Ruth Baxter Cochran Scrapbook Collection consists of forty-six scrapbooks and .5 cubic feet of newspaper clippings, photographs and other personal items, primarily relating to the genealogy of the Leonard and Baxter families. Other family names featured prominently include Chapman, Cochran, Foster, and Twitty. Also included are genealogy lists that correspond loosely with the genealogical scrapbooks. These lists are at the end of the collection. The scrapbooks were compiled by Elizabeth Leonard Baxter. After her death, her daughter, Ruth Baxter Cochran, continued working on the scrapbooks. Much of the material relates to Lincoln, Marshall, and Moore counties in Tennessee. Other scrapbooks in the collection are topical in nature. Seven contain information about Marshall County and use material from local newspapers, the *Marshall Gazette* and the *Lewisburg Tribune*. The Home Demonstration scrapbook and the Happiness is Found scrapbook contain material relating to Elizabeth Leonard Baxter's hobbies and interests: the local Home Demonstration Club, teaching and education, the Foster family reunion, her church, and cats. The Reagan scrapbook contains material about President Ronald Reagan. The Hillsdale and Return to Virginia Beach scrapbooks contain information about life in Cookeville, Tennessee, and family vacations, while the Places scrapbook gives more detail on the locations the family has visited.

Physical Description/Extent:

46 v. + .5 cubic feet

Accession/Record Group Number:

Mf. 2004

Language:

English

Permanent Location:

Mf. 2004

Repository:

Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, 37243-0312

Administrative/Biographical History

Ruth Baxter Cochran's husband, Wayne L. Cochran, inherited Chestnut Ridge Farm from his father Henard O. Cochran. Upon Wayne Cochran's death in 1997, Ruth Baxter Cochran, her mother-in-law Elizabeth "Lib" Cochran of Lewisburg, and Ruth's two children and their families all shared ownership of the farm, designated as a Tennessee Century Farm. It is located on the Elk Ridge near the intersection of Moore, Lincoln, Marshall, and Bedford counties in Tennessee. Chestnut Ridge Farm has been in Moore County since the formation of the county in 1871; before 1871, the farm was considered a part of Lincoln County.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

- I. Baxter Family Genealogy Scrapbooks
- II. Leonard Family Genealogy Scrapbooks
- III. Other Scrapbooks and Scrapbook Materials

Conditions of Access and Use**Restrictions on Access:**

No restrictions

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Index Terms

Personal Names:

Baxter family
Chapman family
Cochran family
Foster family
Leonard family
Reagan, Ronald

Subjects:

Genealogy -- Tennessee
Home demonstration work -- Tennessee

Geographic Names:

Lincoln County (Tenn.) -- Genealogy -- Sources
Marshall County (Tenn.) -- Genealogy -- Sources
Moore County (Tenn.) -- Genealogy -- Sources

Document Types:

Scrapbooks

Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition:

Ruth Baxter Cochran of Petersburg, Tennessee, loaned the materials for microfilming. The originals were returned to the owner.

Processing and Administrative Information

Preferred Citation:

Ruth Baxter Cochran Scrapbook Collection, Tennessee State Library and Archives

Processing Information:

This collection was prepared for microfilming by Kate Williams on November 10, 2011.

Electronic Location and Access:

<http://www.tn.gov/tsla/history/manuscripts/findingaids/mf2004.pdf>

DETAILED COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

SERIES I. – Baxter Family Genealogy Scrapbooks

Series Scope and Content: Scrapbooks related to Ruth Baxter Cochran's grandfather's genealogy compiled by Ruth Baxter Cochran and her mother, Elizabeth Leonard Baxter.

Series Arrangement: Eleven scrapbooks

CONTAINER LIST

Contents/Item Title	Volume
Introduction	1
Book I	2
Book II	3
Book III	4
Book IV	5
Book V	6
Book VI	7
Book VII	8
Book VIII	9
Book XIV	10
Book X	11
Book XI	12

SERIES II. – Leonard Family Genealogy Scrapbooks

Series Scope and Content: Scrapbooks related to Ruth Baxter Cochran's grandmother's genealogy compiled by Ruth Baxter Cochran and her mother, Elizabeth Leonard Baxter.

Series Arrangement: Seventeen scrapbooks

Contents/Item Title	Volume
Introduction	1
Book I	2
Book II	3
Book III	4
Book IV	5
Book V	6
Book VI	7
Book VII	8
Book VIII	9
Book IX	10
Book X	11
Book XI	12
Book XII	13
Book XIII	14
Book XIV	15
Book XV	16
Book XVI	17

SERIES III. – Other Scrapbooks and Scrapbook Material

Series Scope and Content: Remaining scrapbooks and scrapbook materials, compiled by Ruth Baxter Cochran and her mother, Elizabeth Leonard Baxter. Also included are genealogy lists that correspond loosely with the scrapbooks.

Series Arrangement: Eleven scrapbooks and one box of scrapbook materials, including newspaper articles and photographs.

CONTAINER LIST

Contents/Item Title	Date	Volume	Box
Home Demonstration		1	
Reagan		2	
Marshall County #4	1976-1980	3	
Marshall Gazette and Lewisburg Tribune	May 1993	4	
Marshall County #1	1970	5	
Hillsdale	1974	6	
Foster Reunion	1965	7	
Return to Virginia Beach, Virginia, Williamsburg and Tennessee Tech	1975	8	
Scrapwriting on Marshall County #5	1980-1983	9	
Genealogy		10	
Happiness is Found #1	1985	11	
Places (no title page)		12	
Chestnut Ridge (no title page)		13	
Chestnut Ridge 2 (no title page)		14	
Marshall County #2	1970-1973	15	
Marshall Gazette and Lewisburg Tribune	1971-1980	16	
Marshall Gazette and Lewisburg Tribune	Early 1993	17	
Scrapbook material, newspaper articles, photographs, genealogy lists			1